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Date	Czechoslovak Agency	Weight Weight)	USIA Deliveries	Częchoslovak Deliverie	Value in (Czechoslovak s (Czerhwałova) crowns)
L5 Dec.	Centrotech	7,000	region cord fabric	rayon stockings	805,000
L5 Dec.	Centrotech	2,335	reyen cord fabric	rayon lingerie	268,650
L8 Dec.	Bata, Zlin*		iron construction materials	enameled wire	60,000
8 Dec.	Centrotech	30,000	rayon cord Eabric	rayon stockings	3,450,000
L9 Dec.	Bata, Zlin	95,000	iron construction materials	rayon stockings	880,800
L9 Dec.	Bata, Zlin		iron construction materials	8 Skoda cars	839,999
22 Dec.	Kotva, Zlin		iron construction materials	drills, lathes	3,553,580
22 Jec.	Bata, Zlin		iron construction materials	spiral drills	285,603
	Kotva, Zlin*		iron construction materials	fire bricks	484,804
23 Dec.	Bata, Zlin		iron construction materials	dynamo sheet (Dynamoblech)	177,746
	Kotva, Zlin		transformers	women's stockings;	35,000
	Bata, Zlin		iron construction materi	automobile parts als dynamo sheet	257,267
	CENTROTECH		rayon cord fabric	rayon stockings	3,450,000

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25X1	It is impossible to determine the consignee
	for the items supplied by the Czechoslovak agencies. In other such instances,
25X1	however, it has been stipulated that the items received by USIA from Czechoslo-
	vakia would be consigned to a specific Soviet or nationalized agency in an-
	other satellite country, usually Hungary. It is quite unlikely that the
	tremendous quantities of rayon stockings represented by the contracts reported
	above have actually been brought into Austria, since reports of a flood of such an
	items on the local market could scarefly escape the attention of all U.S. intelli-
.,	gence arms in Vienna. With regard to the last item, it is pointed out that cable
	is manufactured and exported in large quantities by USIA; hence it is probable
	that USIA directed this item to one of the satellite countries. Although it is

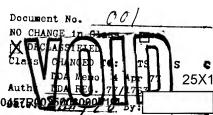
not certain what USIA receives in return from the countries of ultimate destination of these commodities, it is possible that USIA builds up credits, pays outstanding indebtedness and purchases luxury foodstuffs or special equipment needed

25X1 Comment: As of 1 January 1949, the name of the town of Zlin was changed to Gottwaldov, and the amme of the Bata firm was changed to Svit.)

for some of the Soviet-controlled enterprises in Austria.)

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